

Workforce Observations

For The North Central WDA

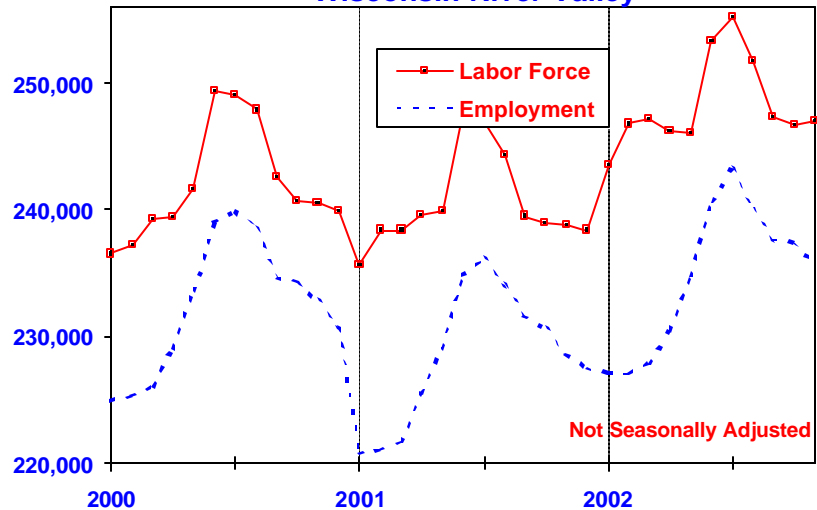
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November holds Few Surprises For The Labor Market

The month of November has all the earmarks of a late fall-early winter month—a slight jump in unemployment rates, some loss of jobs (probably mainly seasonal), with a jump in new claims for Unemployment Compensation. There is one area that seems to be a bit different this time around, however. While job levels in the trade sector and in services seem to be doing well this year compared to previous periods, manufacturing seems to be in a bit of a slide lately. Job losses compared to 12 months ago were just over 2,000 workers, and fell by about 600 when compared to the previous month. The Wisconsin River Valley District is not alone here, but seems to be part of a statewide stagnation in the manufacturing sector. These job levels bear watching in the months to come, especially as we get closer to the spring hiring season just a few months down the road.

Civilian Labor Force Wisconsin River Valley



The regional LMI analyst/economists have just created a new county level data product. Consumers now have the ability to view the top 50 employers in each Wisconsin county. There are two file types: one file lists the top 50 private employers, the second lists the top 50 combined public-sector and private employers.

Private employers and combined employer files are offered in PDF and Excel format. At the moment you can access the page via this URL.

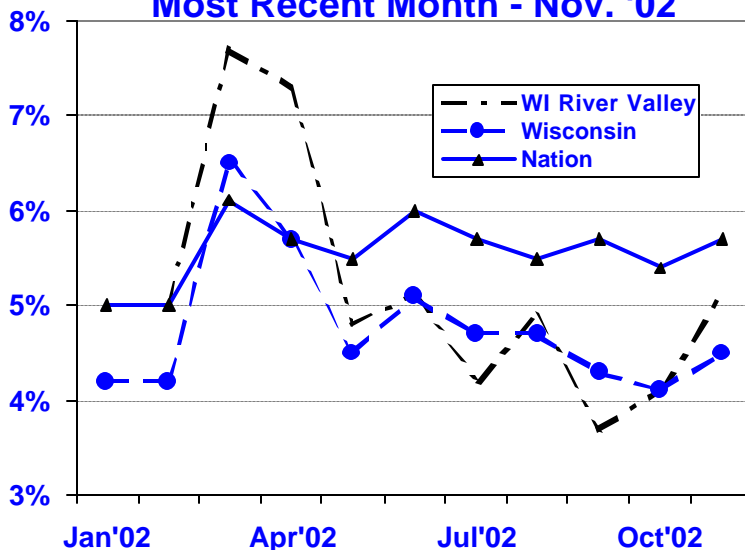
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and on the LMI main page under featured link. In the future the link will be listed on the LMI main page

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in the Local LMI section, as Top 50 Employers by County Thanks you for your interest in labor market information products.

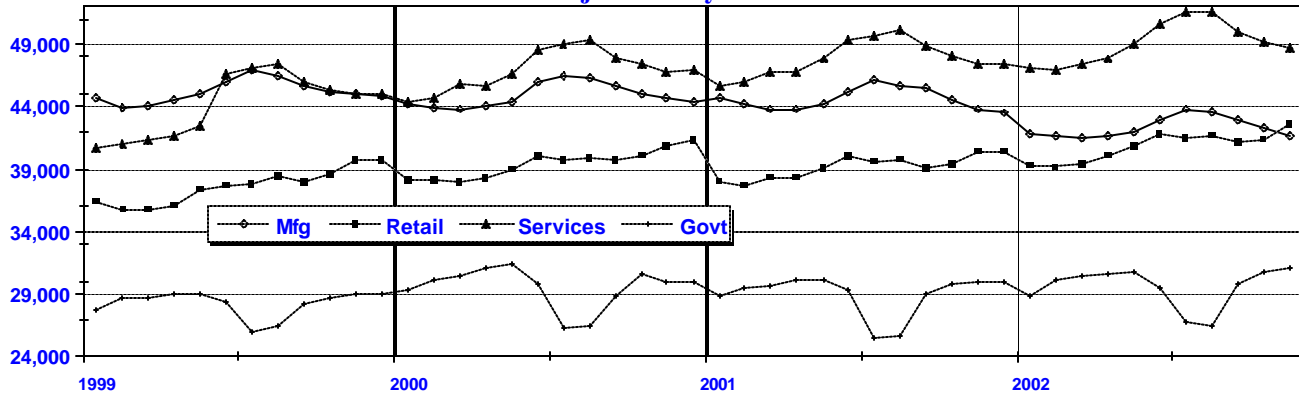
The Unemployment Rate Most Recent Month - Nov. '02



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Employment by Major Industry Division



Month of November	Adams	Forest	Lang.	Lincoln	Mara.	Oneida	Portage	Vilas	Wood	Region
Labor Force	8,559	4,947	9,688	14,559	76,716	21,110	38,510	11,526	41,776	227,391
Employed	8,144	4,676	8,950	13,783	73,951	19,902	37,102	10,948	39,962	217,418
Unemployed	415	271	738	776	2,765	1,208	1,408	578	1,814	9,973
Unemployment rate(%)	4.8	5.5	7.6	5.3	3.6	5.7	3.7	5.0	4.3	4.4%
Total, all industries**	4,198	3,457	7,995	12,190	71,668	18,191	33,988	8,413	46,190	206,290
Construction & Mining	191	106	324	368	2,774	1,411	1,000	942	1,537	8,653
Manufacturing	436	455	1,631	3,873	18,005	1,743	5,779	441	9,324	41,687
Transportation & Util.	204	243	445	512	4,346	695	2,074	208	3,383	12,110
Wholesale Trade	120	38	333	460	5,570	536	1,483	254	1,489	10,283
Retail Trade	841	496	1,802	2,208	14,074	5,018	6,844	2,303	8,985	42,571
FIRE	97	105	269	741	4,745	449	3,574	298	955	11,233
Services	1,068	461	1,942	1,904	14,064	5,449	7,200	1,623	14,946	48,657
Government	1,241	1,553	1,249	2,124	8,090	2,890	6,034	2,344	5,571	31,096
Change from previous mo.	Adams	Forest	Lang.	Lincoln	Mara.	Oneida	Portage	Vilas	Wood	Region
Civilian Labor Force*	38	-141	-52	-45	285	-319	135	-27	353	227
Employed	-64	-157	-201	-158	-8	-511	-127	-280	70	-1,436
Unemployed	102	16	149	113	293	192	262	253	283	1,663
Unemployment rate(%)	1.1	0.5	1.6	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.7	2.2	0.6	0.1
Total, all industries**	-14	-84	-84	-70	519	-254	31	-361	332	15
Construction & Mining	-4	-42	-42	-5	-91	-89	-42	-26	-111	-452
Manufacturing	5	0	0	-5	-183	-1	-308	-17	-95	-604
Transportation & Util.	0	0	0	-10	34	-7	-15	-6	-39	-43
Wholesale Trade	-2	-3	-3	4	142	-1	7	2	-42	104
Retail Trade	4	-16	-16	-24	555	-78	364	-145	539	1,183
FIRE	-4	4	4	0	-3	0	-13	5	-3	-10
Services	-6	-7	-7	-31	-34	-132	-50	-210	-11	-488
Government	-7	-20	-20	1	99	54	88	36	94	325
Change from year ago	Adams	Forest	Lang.	Lincoln	Mara.	Oneida	Portage	Vilas	Wood	Region
Civilian Labor Force*	656	-17	323	70	2,659	863	1,703	299	726	7,282
Employed	580	-14	286	27	2,678	554	1,572	305	503	6,491
Unemployed	76	-3	37	43	-19	309	131	-6	223	791
Unemployment rate(%)	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.2	-0.2	1.3	0.2	-0.2	0.4	0.0
Total, all industries**	185	242	-43	-114	646	36	1,065	362	-389	1,990
Construction & Mining	17	-14	-112	-235	-765	77	-226	-106	-282	-1,646
Manufacturing	41	-72	-99	-298	-492	-400	-79	-80	-623	-2,102
Transportation & Util.	22	41	27	52	290	-16	145	-45	90	606
Wholesale Trade	9	-3	-116	-5	174	154	-149	112	46	222
Retail Trade	-57	15	-76	-119	1,419	72	853	299	-234	2,172
FIRE	-3	9	6	490	-166	-9	-86	-20	40	261
Services	171	-36	340	68	117	190	-139	-96	680	1,295
Government	-15	302	-13	-67	69	-32	746	298	-106	1,182

* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted.
Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers.

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